Crop Report

Report Number 9, June 2, 2008

Crop Report for June 1, 2008

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 97 per cent of the 2008 crop, up from 86 per cent the previous week and ahead of the five-year (2003-2007) average of 86 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved in the southeast during the past week. Other areas of the province either remained at similar conditions to last week or became drier. Crop reporters rated 44 per cent of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to

48 per cent last week. For hay and pasture land, reporters rated 31 per cent as having adequate moisture, down from 39 per cent the previous week.

Rain is critical in many areas for plant growth and development. Close to half of all crops are rated at below normal development for this time of year.

Provincially, 51 per cent of the fall crops, 50 per cent of the spring cereals, 41 per cent of the oilseeds, and 55 per cent of the pulse crops are rated as being at normal development for this point in the season.

Reporters rated the following percentages of emerged crops in good to excellent

condition: sunflowers - 72 per cent; triticale - 67 per cent; fall rye, spring wheat, oats, and peas - 63 per cent; durum, barley – 61 per cent; lentils – 58 per cent; canary seed - 53 per cent; canola - 48 per cent; winter wheat - 45 per cent; chickpeas -44 per cent; mustard – 43 per cent, and flax -41 per cent.

Frost was the main source of crop damage during the past week. Other sources included wind, drought, gophers, flea beetles, cutworms, wire worms and water fowl.

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CD June 1/08 June 3/07 1a 97 1b 96 84 2a 99 92 2b 98 95 3an 99 95 3ase 99 94 3asw 96 85 3bn 98 95 3bs 98 94 4a 97 98 4b 97 998 5a 93 86	Seeding Progress by Crop District								
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Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded All Crops June 1/08 97 5-year Avg. (2003-07) 86 June 3/07 85 June 4/06 88 May 29/05 May 31/04 85 79 91 Jun 1/03

1 Year Ago

Eighty-five per cent of the 2007 crop was seeded.

Approximately 75 per cent of the crops that had emerged were rated in good to excellent condition.

Flooding was the main source of crop damage.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

Last week saw several mornings with frost in the southeast, as well as some showers. An average of 18 mm of precipitation was reported. ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2b, to an average high of 24 mm reported in CD la. Some hail was reported in the Odessa area. Frost damage was reported in many areas, along with drought damage in CDs 1b and 2. The frost was hardest on canola, but also damaged flax and barley crops. Some reporters expect that canola crops will recover, while others are more pessimistic about the crop's ability to do so. The heavy rains in the Moosomin area, while welcome, caused some soil crusting and challenges for canola and flax emergence.

More seeding progress was made this past week to bring the southeast seeding completion up to 98%. All CDs report over 95% complete.

South eastern fall cereals are 48% at normal development and 43% behind. Spring cereals are 52% at normal and 44% behind. Oilseeds are 51% at normal and 48% behind. Pulse crops are 53% at normal and 42% behind.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages:
Winter Wheat – 35%; Fall Rye –

46%; Spring Wheat – 58%; Durum – 59%; Oats – 59%; Barley – 57%; Flax – 42%; Canola – 37%; Mustard – 36%: Sunflowers – 79%; Lentils – 54%; Peas – 61%; Canary seed – 53%; and Chickpeas – 68%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved during the past week. Reporters indicated that 47% of the crop land had adequate moisture, compared with 26% for the week earlier. For hay and pasture land, reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate on 43% of the land, compared with 21% previously.

Flea beetles damaged crops in CDs 1 and 2a. Cutworms damaged crops in CDs 1a, 2b, and 3ase. Dandelions are problematic in some areas.

Farmers are starting in-crop spraying as weather conditions allowed. Grass growth in pastures continues to be slow, and hay fields are also in poor shape.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest generally continued dry this past week, with frost and some winds. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 4b, to an average high of 11 mm reported in CD 3an. Some hail was reported in the Cadillac and Webb areas. Wind and drought were the primary

sources of weather damage during the past week, with some frost and hail damage also reported. The frost damaged some canola, flax, and lentil crops.

Seeding progress in the southwest now stands at 98% complete. Crop District averages are all over 95% complete. Some winter wheat fields were re-seeded in the Assiniboia and Ponteix areas. Re-seeding was also done in the Shaunavon area.

South western fall cereals are 58% at normal development and 42% behind. Spring cereals are 58% at normal and 41% behind. Oilseeds are 51% at normal and 49% behind. Pulse crops are 62% at normal and 37% behind.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages:
Winter Wheat – 23%; Fall Rye – 75%; Spring Wheat – 68%;
Durum – 63%; Oats – 51%;
Barley – 59%; Triticale – 77%;
Flax – 40%; Canola – 45%;
Mustard – 44%; Lentils – 53%;
Peas – 56%; Canary seed – 68%; and Chickpeas – 38%.

Fall rye crops and tame seeded grasses were starting to push heads in the Maple Creek area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land remained similar to last week. Reporters indicated that 39% of the crop land had adequate topsoil moisture, compared with 38% last week. For hay and pasture land, reporters rate 18% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared with 20% last week.

Crop damage came from gophers, cutworms, wire worms, and flea beetles. In the Ponteix area, mustard crops took a real hit from gophers – one farmer lost 200 acres while another lost a whole field. In the Maple Creek area, gophers were damaging hay fields and pastures.

Reporters indicated that pastures are in very poor shape, and in some cases are drying up and turning brown and "crunchy." Dugouts continue to be low in several areas. Farmers were incrop spraying as weather conditions permitted, rolling pulse crops, picking rocks, chemfallowing, and summerfallowing.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was warmer this past week, with frosts on several nights and windy days on the east side of the region. Dust was blowing in the Leroy area near the end of the week. An average of 9 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 7 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 5a. Frost damage was reported across the region, with

some wind and some drought damage. In some areas of CD 6a, winds evaporated any moisture gains from last week.

The east central region saw double digit seeding progress last week, bringing seeding completion up to 95%. Regional reports vary between 93 and 97% complete. Germination and emergence for oilseeds is poor in many areas. Some re-seeding has been done in the Veregin area. Some winter wheat was worked down and re-seeded in the Holdfast area. In the Bethune area, peas and canola are ready to be sprayed in the low spots, and have not even germinated on the hills.

East central fall cereals are 36% at normal development and 64% behind. Spring cereals are 38% at normal and 62% behind. Oilseeds are 23% at normal and 77% behind. Pulse crops are 38% at normal and 61% behind.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages:
Winter Wheat – 64%; Fall Rye – 62%; Spring Wheat – 56%;
Durum – 44%; Oats – 68%;
Barley – 60%; Flax – 35%;
Canola – 41%; Mustard – 40%;
Sunflowers – 67%; Lentils – 47%; Peas – 62%; Canary seed – 53%; and Chickpeas – 40%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week. Reporters indicate that 41% of crop land has adequate moisture, compared to 52% last week. For hay and pasture land, reporters indicate that 29% is in an adequate topsoil moisture situation, compared to 42% last week.

Flea beetles damaged crop in CD 5, and some spraying has begun. Gopher numbers are high. Weed pressure is getting high. In the Craik area, one farmer had fertilizer damage to seedlings because of the dry soil conditions.

Farmers have begun in-crop herbicide applications. Some farmers are running out of feed for cattle because of the extended feeding season.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central regions had windy, warm days with cool nights this past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported for the region, ranging from an average low of 0.5 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 2 mm reported in CD 7a. Frost damage was reported in a number of areas, with some localized wind and drought damage. Frost damage was reported to canola, mustard, and alfalfa crops.

Double-digit seeding progress was made this past week to bring west central seeding completion up to 97%.

Crop District reports vary between 96 and 98% complete. Some re-seeding was done in the Outlook, Grandora, and Scott areas.

West central fall cereals are 56% at normal development and 41% behind. Spring cereals are 49% at normal and 51% behind. Oilseeds are 51% at normal and 49% behind. Pulse crops are 62% at normal and 37% behind. Fall rye crops in the Hanley area are already in the shotblade stage.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 23%; Fall Rye – 38%; Spring Wheat – 64%; Durum – 64%; Oats – 54%; Barley – 63%; Triticale – 25%; Flax – 59%; Canola – 47%; Mustard – 50%; Sunflowers – 0%; Lentils – 73%; Peas – 74%; Canary seed – 43%; and Chickpeas – 33%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past. Reporters indicated that 39% of crop land had adequate topsoil moisture, down from 57% the previous week. For hay and pasture land, 23% is rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, down from 43% the previous week. Rainfall is needed soon to help with crop germination and to allow some moisture for farmers to complete seeding. Hay fields and pastures are behind and, in some areas, are going dormant.

Flea beetles caused crop damage in CD 7. In the Battleford area, cutworms cleaned off a whole field. In the Unity area, there was damage to crops from migrating water fowl.

Farmers were in-crop spraying where they weren't delayed by the winds. Chemfallow has also started.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast had some windy days and cool nights this past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported. ranging from an average low of I mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 7 mm reported in CD 9ae. There were several instances of frost damage in CD 8 as well as some localized drought damage. There was some re-seeding done in the Arbourfield and Hoey areas. With a dry seedbed and the late date, it is not expected to see much re-seeding of frost damaged canola. In the Vonda area, there was some die-back of newly emerged crops due to the serious lack of moisture.

Double-digit seeding progress was made this past week to bring the northeast seeding completion up to 97%. Crop District reports vary between 96 and 99% complete.

North eastern fall cereals are 66% at normal development and 34% behind. Spring cereals

are 61% at normal and 36% behind. Oilseeds are 53% at normal and 45% behind. Pulse crops are 64% at normal and 34% behind.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages:
Winter Wheat – 59%; Fall Rye – 72%; Spring Wheat – 73%;
Durum – 60%; Oats – 75%;
Barley – 70%; Triticale – 95%;
Flax – 47%; Canola – 62%;
Mustard – 68%; Lentils – 20%;
Peas – 80%; and Canary seed – 53%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly during the past week. Reporters said 63% of the crop land had adequate moisture, down from 70% last week. For hay and pasture land, 52% has adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 66% last week.

Flea beetles caused some crop damage in CD 8.

Winter cereal crops were sprayed last week. Spraying of spring crops was also getting underway.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest had cool evenings with frost last week. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 9b, to an

average high of 3 mm reported in CD 9aw. Frost was the main source of crop damage. The wind and the dry conditions also caused some damage.

The northwest made the most seeding progress during the past week, bringing seeding completion up to 94%. Crop district reports vary between 94 and 95% complete. Frost-damaged canola was re-seeded in the Speers, Meadow Lake, and Rapid View areas. In the Mayfair area, some winter wheat was worked down and seeded to canola.

North western fall cereals are 59% at normal development and 41% behind. Spring cereals are 42% at normal and 58% behind. Oilseeds are 38% at normal and 62% behind. Pulse crops are 36% at normal and 64% behind.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 47%; Fall Rye – 49%; Spring Wheat – 61%; Durum – 0%; Oats – 56%; Barley – 56%; Triticale – 3%; Flax – 43%; Canola – 60%; Mustard – 42%; Lentils – 20%; Peas – 66% and Canary seed – 60%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated during the past week. Forty-three per cent of the crop land and 35% of the hay and pasture land are indicated to have adequate topsoil moisture, compared with 69% each last week. Up in the Big River area, the pastures are so dry that they are "crunching" under your feet. Pastures and hay land are in poor condition throughout the region.

Some spraying has started.

NOTE:

The precipitation information on the next page is from Crop Report #8.

The precipitation for this week's report (#9) will be sent at a later date.

Degree Days Above 5°C

R.M.	Since April 1		May 25-31	Total
3	172.5		38.5	211
17A 38B	171 184.5	*	58.5 49	229.5 233.5
43A	193.65		51.4	245.05
43B	136 1	æ	01.4	136
44	187		42.5	229.5
67	109.5	*	43	152.5
68	237.85		55.6	293.45
69	200.9		40.5	200.9
71A	140.6 1 156.8	-	48.5 41.9	189.1 198.7
72 73B	136		50	186
75B	179.25	*	55.05	234.3
76A	231.55		55.6	287.15
78A	142		47	189
97	177.135		39.85	216.985
108	91	*	40	131
109 111A	112 230.1	-	60	112 290.1
123	114		37.5	151.5
124	108.55	×	37.5	146.05
127		*	38.75	199.65
132	131	*	50.5	201.5
134	3-4	*		94
138	243		51	294
141	180.9	-	58.6	239.5
142 151B	244 112.8		61.7 40.7	305.7 153.5
165	120.6	*	40.7	120.6
166		ŵ	37	271
167		ŵ	53.5	183.5
185	117.15	ŵ	48.4	165.55
186	103	w	34.5	137.5
190B	199.05		57.5	256.55
193 221	205.2 156.05	*	56.75	261.95 205
222	200	*	48.95 31.7	231.7
246	107.35		41.95	149.3
259		*	56.05	211.95
271	86		42.5	128.5
276	01.0	*	44.5	106
277	111.75		55.45	167.2
283 285	146.8 173.05	*	54.65 62.1	201.45 235.15
287	173.03	n	53	191.5
312	140.4		50.05	190.45
318A	153		53.5	206.5
333	74	*		74
336	115	*	47.5	162.5
339	115.25		48.75	164
340A 343	116.5 169.7		50.5 66.6	167 236.3
370	147		55	202
379	126.95	*	53	179.95
397	85		50.5	135.5
403	98.5	ŵ		98.5
428	115.5		63	178.5
429B	85	*	57.5	142.5
442	149.5		45.5 42.5	195 109.5
456 464	67 68.5	*	42.5	92.5
488	201.05		55.95	257
496	127.5		54	181.5
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Weekly Rainfall Summary

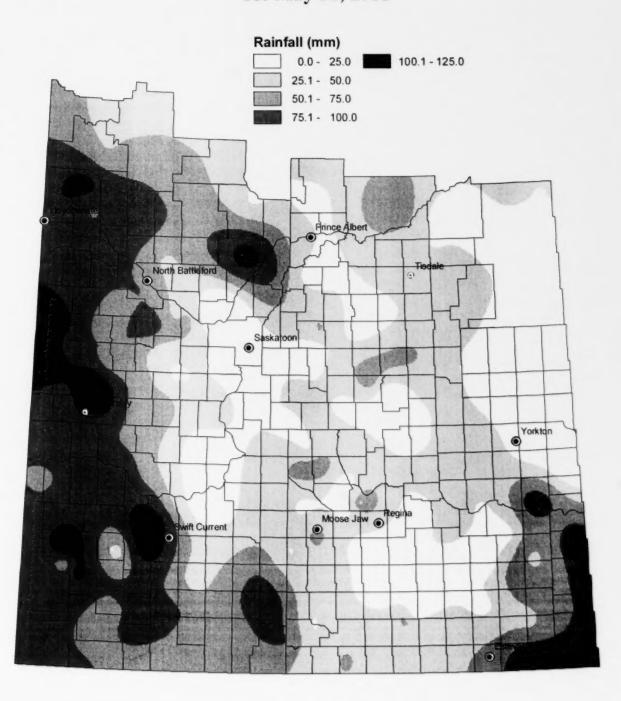
for the week ending May 24, 2008

	No. N	icipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1		Munic No. N		Past Week	Since April 1		No. N	cipality ame	Past Week	Sinc April
	1	Argyle	15	21		106	Whiska Creek	5	34		314	Donator	NIL	20
•	2	Mount Pleasant	33	41		107	Lac Pelletier	21	34		344	Dundurn Corman Park	NIL	2.
	3	Enniskillen	26	35		108	Bone Creek	22	54		345	Vanscoy	NIL	2.
	33 A	Moose Creek	5	16	3BN	138	Webb	8	70		346	Perdue	2	3.
	33 B	Moose Creek	16	25		165	Morse	1	24		376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	3
	34	Browning	17	21		166	Excelsion	NIL 5	18 41		376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	4
	61	Antler	8	44 8		167 168	Sask. Landing Riverside	8	96		403	Rosthern	3	5.
	64	Brock Tecumseh	10	10		226	Victory	NIL	19 ×	7.A	259	Snipe Lake	10	5
B	91	Maryfield	1	33		228 A	Lacadena	7	40		287 288	St. Andrews	TR	5
	92	Walpole	8	16		228 B	Lacadena	15	64		292	Pleasant Valley Milton	10	6
	93	Wawken	15	22	4A	49	White Valley	23	48		317 A	Marriott	NIL	3
	94	Hazelwood	10	12 *		49 A	White Valley	28	60		317 B	Marriott	TR	2
	95	Golden West	5	9		51	Reno	31	65		318 A	Mountain View	2	
	121	Moosomin	39	55		79	Arlington	11	34 70		318 B	Mountain View	NIL	4
	122	Martin	39	55 23		109	Carmichael	20 13	72		320	Oakdale	7	5
	123 124	Silverwood	6	18		110 111 A	Piapot Maple Creek	25	64		321	Prairiedale	12	(
	125	Kingsley Chester	9	13		139	Gull Lake	12	35	7 B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	- 2
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	18		111B	Maple Creek	NIL	40 *		347 B 350 A	Biggar Mariposa	NIL	4
	151 B	Rocanville	8	32		141	Big Stick	29	71		350 B	Mariposa	2	-
	153	Willowdale	NIL	16		142	Enterprise	20	66		351	Progress	10	
	154	Elcapo	TR	4	4 B	169	Pittville	27	59		352	Heart's Hill	11	1
	155	Wolseley	5	16		231	Happyland	16	77		377	Glenside	NIL	
1	36	Cymri	8	22		232	Deer Forks	13	56		378 A	Rosemount	3	
	66	Griffin	TR	13 10	5A	183 184	Fertile Belt Gravson	NIL 19	23 37		378 B	Rosemount	1	-
	67 68	Weyburn Brokenshell	TR	9		185	Mcleod	3	26		379	Reford	TR	
	69	Norton	TR	18	1	186	Abernethy	6	32		380	Tramping Lake	NIL 6	
	96	Fillmore	2	14	1	211	Churchbridge	1	6		381 382	Grass Lake Eye Hill	13	
	97	Wellington	2	15		213	Saltcoats	3	18		409	Buffalo	1	
	99	Caledonia	NIL	2		216 A	Tullymet	1	24		410	Round Valley	NIL	
В	126	Montmartre	7	17		216 B	Tullymet	10	41		411	Senlac	7	
	127	Francis	5	23	1	241	Calder	3	7	8A	395	Porcupine	13	
	129	Bratt's Lake	1	15		243	Wallace	NIL	NIL		397	Barrier Valley	13	
	131	Baildon Indian Hand	TR	22 26		245 A 245 B	Garry	NIL	15 × 29		398	Pleasantdale	8	
	156 A 157	Indian Head South Qu'appelle	NIL 5	10	1	245 B	Garry Ituna Bon Accord	3	36		428	Star City	9	
	158	Edenwold	8	25		247	Kellross	2	22		456	Arborfield	9	
	160	Pense	1	24		248	Touchwood	10	19		457 458	Connaught Willow Creek	7	
	161	Moose Jaw	6	41	5 B	271	Cote	10	15		486	Moose Range	5	
	191	Marquis	NIL	16		273	Sliding Hills	5			487	Nipawin	10	
SE	9	Surprise Valley	11	24 =	1	275	Insinger	2	17	8 B	370	Humboldt	7	
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	23		276	Foam Lake	13	24		371	Bayne	6	
		Laurier	12	25		277	Emerald	5	15 7 *		372	Grant	1	
		The Gap	2	32 24		304 307	Buchanan Elfros	NIL 15			373	Aberdeen	NIL	
SW	39 B	The Gap	13	39		308	Big Quill	13	10		400	Three Lakes	NIL	
1311	12	Happy Valley Poplar Valley	4	30		333	Clayton	31	31 ×		402	Fish Creek	6	
	40	Bengough	6	35		335	Hazel Dell	9	18		429 A 429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL 6	
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	42	1	336	Sasman	11	24		431	Flett's Springs St. Louis	0	
	43 A	Old Post	8	40		337	Lakeview	10	32		459	Kinistino	NIL	
	43 B	Old Post	10	53		338	Lakeside	12	35	9AE	488	Torch River	10	
	44	Waverley	6	49	l	366	Kelvington	- 11	22		520	Paddockwood	NIL	
	70	Key West	2	36	6A	189	Lumsden	3 TD	34	9AW	435	Redberry	NIL	
		Excel	4	31 24		190 A 190 B		TR 5			436	Douglas	NIL	
	71 B	Excel	NIL	24		190 B		TR			463	Duck Lake	6	
	72	Lake OfThe River3	42	40		219 B	Longlaketon	2			464	Leask	11	
		Stonehenge	1	54	1	219 C	Longiaketon	1			466	Meeting Lake Round Hill	NIL	
		Stonehenge	6	65	1	220	Mckillop	3			467	Shellbrook	NIL 7	
IN	101	Terrell	1	21	1	221	Sarnia	17	44		494	Canwood	i	
	102	Lake Johnston	5	31	1	222	Craik	6	40		496	Spiritwood	8	
	103	Sutton	NIL	45		251	Big Arm	3			497	Medstead	1	
	132	Hillsborough	3	27		252	Arm River	2			555	Big River	2	
	134	Shamrock	NIL	45		279 A 279 B		NIL 10		9 B	438	Battle River	2	
	164 193	Chaplin Eyebrow	NIL NIL	19		279 B	Mount Hope Wreford	NIL			440	Hillsdale	NIL	
	194	Enfield	NIL	18		282	Mccraney	4			442	Manitou Lake	11	
S	17 A	Val Marie	29	52		309	Prairie Rose	6			498 A		4 NH	
	17 B		30	42		312	Morris	NIL			498 B 499	Parkdale Mervin	NIL 10	
	45	Mankota	8	40		313	Lost River	NIL				Mervin Frenchman Butte	11	
		Pinto Creek	9	46		339	Leroy	5				Frenchman Butte	10	
		Pinto Creek	7	44		340 A	Wolverine	6	31		501 C		19	
		Auvergne	18	48		340 B		NIL			502	Britannia	14	
	76 B		25	52		341	Viscount	3			561	Loon Lake	7	
	77	Wise Creek	32	58		343	Blucher	NIL			588 A		3	
		Grassy Creek	13	46	6 B	283	Rosedale	NIL			588 B	Meadow Lake	7	
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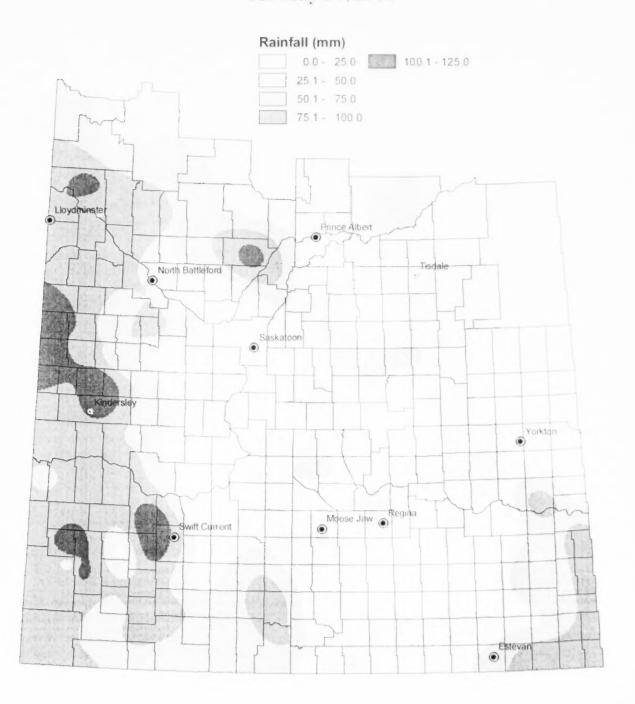
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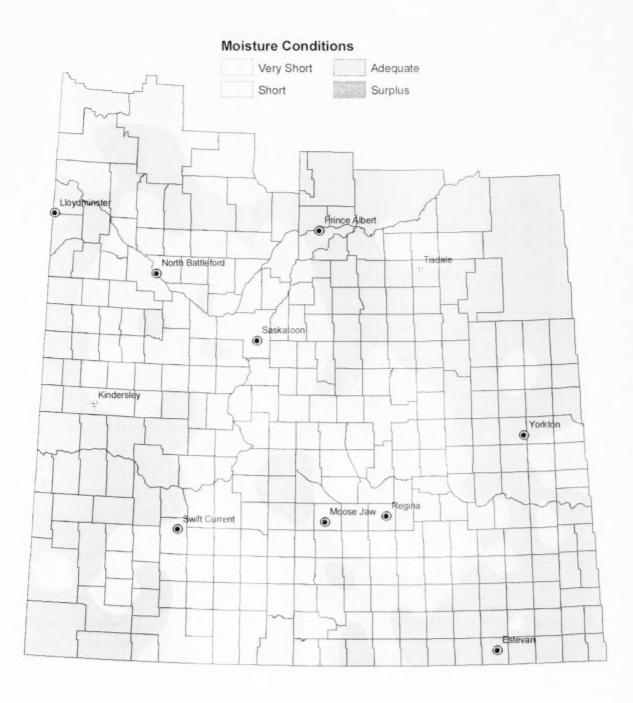
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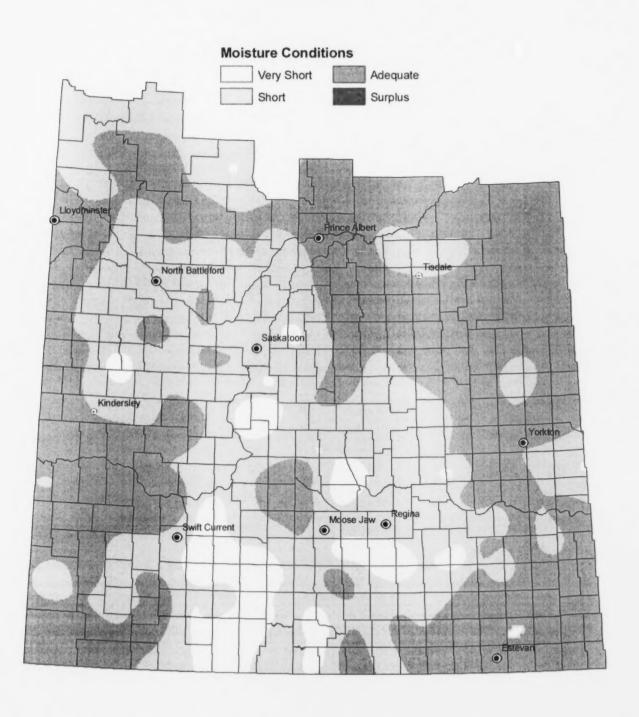
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Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions June 1, 2008



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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

